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**SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DETERMINING CONFIGURATION OF ONE OR MORE DATA
STORAGE SYSTEMS**

the specification of which (check one)

☒ is attached hereto.

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and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

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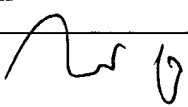
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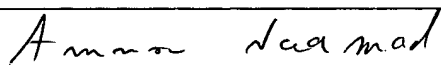
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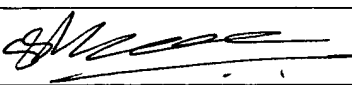
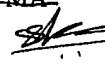
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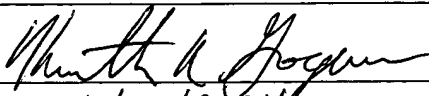
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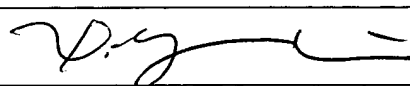
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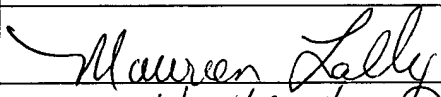
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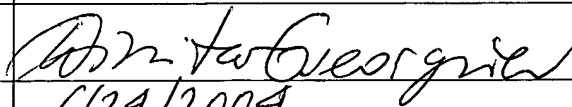
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